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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the notice of non-compliance dated 02/09/2004 respective to a response to a nonfinal office action of 3/11/2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of amended claims and arguments in keeping with newly revised amendment practice. Applications petition for a 1 month extension of time for which an extension fee is authorized under the Fee Transmittal submitted herewith. Applicant's petition for revival of unintentional abandonment was accepted.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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